

REMARKS

Claims 19, 20, 23, and 27-29 are pending in the application. Claims 19, 20, 23, 27, and 28 are amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 16-18, and 24-26 are canceled by this amendment. Claim 23 is the sole independent claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 23 is allowed.

Claim Amendments

Claim 23 has been amended merely to correct a minor error by changing “The system” in the preamble to “A system.” Such amendment merely relates to a formal matter and does not substantively change the claimed subject matter. Thus, this claim amendment should be entered.

Dependent claims 19, 20, 27, and 28 have been amended such that the subject matter contained therein is now dependent on allowed claim 23. Furthermore, by virtue of claim 29 being dependent on claim 28, the subject matter of claim 29 is now indirectly dependent on allowed claim 23.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 19, 20, 27, and 28 do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. Namely, the subject matter of these claims have been fully considered by the Examiner as indicated by prior Office Actions. Furthermore, the amendments to these claims simplify issues in this application by putting the claims in condition for allowance, i.e., by making the claims dependent on an allowed claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments to these claims should be entered.

Claim Objections

The objections to claims 1, 9, and 17 have been rendered moot by virtue of the cancellation of these claims.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16-21, and 24-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,497,363 to Gingell in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,424,649 to Laor et al. Furthermore, claims 2 and 10 stand rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gingell, Laor, and U.S. Patent No. 6,693,902 to Sahlman et al. Also, claim 22 stands rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gingell, Laor, and U.S. Patent No. 5,040,170 to Upp et al.

Initially, the rejections of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16-18, 21, 22, and 24-26 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

Furthermore, by virtue of the amendments to claims 19, 20, 27, and 28, these claims are now dependent on allowed claim 23. In view of these amendments, claim 29 is also dependent on claim 23. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 19, 20, and 27-29 are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

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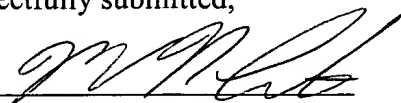
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Conclusion

Entry of this After-Final Amendment is respectfully requested in that it raises no new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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